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**ELECTION WITH TRAVERSE**

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of February 14, 2007, which set a thirty day shortened statutory period for reply expiring on March 16, 2007, Applicants hereby elect Group I, comprising claims 1 and 2. This election is made with traverse for the reasons set forth below.

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.